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## JASPER:

FRIDAY, : : : MARCH 26, 1858

### Beautiful Your Homesteads.

Again in the course of the revolving year, Spring, the season of hope and promise, has revisited us. Nature on every side is rapidly awaking from the sleep of winter. Already the south wind blows softly, and the earth is donning its mantle of greenness. The trees, which have been eager to bud before their time, are now putting forth their tender leaves; and the birds having awaited with impatience the first days of spring, are sending forth their carol. Recalled to life by the genial rays of the vernal sun the early flowers, in their delicate spring beauties, again adorn the woodland path. "For lo, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land."

During the last few days of unusual mildness, glad troops of children are out in the fields and woods adjoining our town, gathering the catkins from the willow, and blending their merry calls with the singing of birds. And while the more youthful and romantic are with commendable enthusiasm expatiating on prospective fishing parties, pic nics, summer drives and romantic rambles among the green hill slopes of Dubois, over the imposing heights that tower along White river, or along the sylvan banks of our own peaceful Patoka, the more practical and sober minded are busily engaged in cleaning the rust from their garden implements, providing themselves with the requisite varieties of seeds, or decorating their grounds with ornamental shade trees.

In Dubois horticulture is a favorite pursuit. The number of garden plots carefully laid out and neatly fenced, both in our town and neighboring localities, is a very significant, as well as pleasing feature in the condition of our county. This is an expressive indication of the habits and tendencies of our population. It is an evidence of practical good sense, combined with a correct taste. Few subjects are more deserving of attention than gardening. It was the first employment of man, and now it is the most agreeable and healthy. Anciently it was esteemed the second of the fine arts, ranking next to architecture. Now, in temporal matters, it should be the second thought of every family. The home that shelters, first—the garden for pleasure and profit, next. It should be a favorite occupation for a leisure hour to every man, giving to those who have a taste for the beautiful and the valuable, delight with gain; and it should also be a favorite occupation for every woman. She should have her plants, and flowers, and shrubs, giving her employment in the open air for an hour or two every day. Our American women grow old and die before their time, for want of out door

exercise, which can be more conveniently and agreeably taken in the garden than elsewhere. It is a just cause of regret that they do not learn something of their English cousins in this matter. Here, where land is so abundant, and attached to nearly every dwelling there are advantages and profits, and pleasures in a garden, which the poorest may enjoy with the most opulent—the laborer with the man of leisure. Train the vines upon the sunny side of your houses; shade your windows with roses and wood-bines. Let the narrow beds round the house be bright with balsams, sweet williams, four o'clocks, pinks, dahlias, marigolds, &c.; let the door yard be graced with lilacs, sweet briars and snow balls. Rear the trees, grow the vegetables, and nurse the flowers. Then fragrance will be at your windows; the birds will come and sing for you among the foliage of your trees; the melon, the plum, the pear, the apple will be ready for you in their season. And how delightful, morning and evening, with wife, children and friends, to mark the growth of vegetation, which may be gathered in autumn for support in winter.

### Keep Together.

Democrats, stand together! Don't let a temporary question divide you. Whether Lecompton or anti-Lecompton you can still be democrats. Don't read or be read out of the party. Differ but not divide. Kansas will be admitted either under the Lecompton or some anti-Lecompton Constitution during the present session of Congress.

Such is the advice of the Cleveland Plaindealer, an anti-Lecompton paper. These sentiments animate the democracy of Indiana. Whatever difference of opinion there may be upon a single issue of policy, the democratic press of this State and the true men of the party, almost unanimously, stand by their party organization. The national democracy have hitherto been the bulwark which has resisted the waves of fanaticism, and upheld the constitutional rights of each and all the members of the confederacy. The history of the past will be that of the future. The democracy of Indiana may differ but will not divide. The attempt being made, by introducing new party tests upon the Lecompton issue, to distract the party, and thereby force an antagonism to the national Administration, will meet a most signal defeat. The democracy have ever tolerated a difference of sentiment upon temporary questions. They will now.

We understand that the candidates upon the State ticket, regularly and unanimously nominated by the 8th of January Convention, are being required by the executive committee of the 23d of February mass meeting to give in their adherence to the platform then adopted, with the penalty of being "read out" of that party in case of refusal. Those candidates were nominated as democrats, as faithful, tried, working democrats, without any reference to their peculiar views upon any question of policy, state or national. They were not expected to think with every democrat upon the bank question, the temperance question, or any peculiar phase of Kansas policy. It was enough to know that they were sound upon all the leading and distinctive principles of the party. Their democracy stood fire in '56 and we think it should not be doubted in '58. No administration democrat has required the candidates to submit to any peculiar notion upon any question of public policy. They accept them as Democrats, without knowing or caring how they may stand upon any temporary question; they will so be accepted by the democracy of the State.—State Sentinel.

By good nature half the misery of the world might be assuaged.

## GREAT BRITAIN AND THE MORMONS.

—The London Post, the official paper, in its issue of January 8, has an article respecting the possibility that the Mormons, if driven from Utah, may establish their next "Zion" somewhere in North America British Possessions. We give an extract:

We believe there is no right minded person in England who has the slightest desire to see even the solitary and unimproved reign of the Hudson's Bay Company supplanted by the despotism of an arch impostor, whose power is based upon systematized licentiousness and organized blasphemy. The general impression was, that this new Mormon exodus would direct itself toward the western part of Mexico, where neither the authorities of the State nor the population would have power to impede its ingress. We confess that we cannot contemplate without pain the probable complications to which this movement of the Mormons may give rise.

Is England to receive within any part of her territories a horde of armed rebels who have fled from that retributive justice which the United States, in vindication of their national sovereignty and for the repression of odious crimes, are bound to inflict? How is England, or rather its decrepit representative, the Hudson's Bay Company, to keep in order this colony of polygamists? We are inclined to think that England, as a Christian nation, would feel bound to scatter and disperse the members of this extraordinary community, who, for aught we know, may quietly sit down upon and fortify Vancouver's Island—an island which, from its position, to say nothing of its valuable productions, commands the northwestern coast of the Pacific, and which, but for the sordid and selfish policy of the Hudson's Bay Company, would years ago have been the seat of an industrious and enterprising British population.

**PRINCESS SUNK.**—On Sunday morning at about 3 o'clock, a collision occurred between the Great Western, ascending, and the Princess, bound for Nashville, descending, at Raleigh, Kentucky, about five miles above Shawneetown, sinking the latter boat to her cabin floor in ten minutes after the collision. She lies at the foot of Brown's Island, perfectly straight and level. The cabin passengers were all saved. Four deck passengers were lost, a woman and two small children among the number. The Great Western remained alongside and rendered all the assistance she could.

"It is rumored in court circles," says the Washington correspondent of the New York Post, "that the President is preparing a message on Cuban affairs. He is bent on carrying out the doctrine of the Ostend circular, to annex Cuba. It is said that he will charge upon Spain a series of aggressions perpetrated upon citizens of the United States by the authorities of Cuba, and recommend to Congress the appointment of a commission to negotiate with Spain for the purchase of that Island."

There was another Lecompton test vote in the National House of Representatives on Friday, the 12th inst., on a motion by Mr. Jones, of Tennessee, to lay on the table the appeal of Col. Harris from a decision of the Speaker. The Lecomptonites were defeated by two votes. The vote on laying the appeal on the table was 109 yeas to 111 nays.

**THE PATOKA.**—In consequence of the fine rise in its waters, this stream has for the last few days presented a scene of considerable activity and stir. While numerous rafts are seen passing on to their destination, others in process of construction are fitting up with all possible despatch, lest the waters should subside before their object is accomplished.

The anxiety manifested by several thus employed reminds us forcibly of a certain husband, who, when hurrying homewards with a new head dress for his wife, was solicited by a friend to turn aside for five minutes, on urgent business, exclaimed, in all the earnestness of desperation: "Impossible, my friend, utterly impossible, for don't you see, (holding up the bonnet) the fashions might change before I get home."

The Harrison Flag, at Marshall, Texas, has at the head of its columns Fillmore's name, for President in '60.



WASHINGTON, March 23.

A court martial has been ordered to assemble at Newport, Ky., to try Gen. Twiggs for alleged contempt of the War Department. Gen. Wool is President; J. Asup, Harney, and other Generals compose the Board of members.

The Republican minority of the select committee of fifteen, by Mr. Merrill, will not publish their report, as that of the majority has been spread before the public and that of Mr. Harris is in type. They allude to the protracted struggle from which their appointments arose, and declare that the refusal of the majority to order an investigation, like the refusal to submit the constitution of Kansas to a fair vote of the people, is a confession that a thorough investigation would prove fatal to that extraordinary document, the President's message. The report of the majority of the Committee on Territories, and the conduct of John Calhoun are treated at length.

The President has authorized sales of Ohio lands at Lecompton and Kichapoo, Kansas, on the 5th and 19th of July next. The War Department has received dispatches from Utah.

St. Louis, March 24.

The Leavenworth Times of the 19th inst. says: Yesterday morning two companies of infantry and two of cavalry left the fort for Utah. The command numbers three hundred and thirty-three. They design overtaking Col. Hoffman and escort the supply train for Johnson's army from Fort Laramie; this train consists of one hundred and sixty heavily laden wagons.

The Republican publishes an extract from a private letter from Col. Johnston to a friend in this city, dated February 15th. He says he has received no communication from the Government since the 23d of October. Johnston describes the march to Camp Scott, compliments the troops, and says that the Mo means have, as fully as words and action, can manifest intentions, declared that they will not submit to any government but their own; that the people of their Territory have a government in their midst acknowledging no dependence upon or allegiance to federal authority. He urges vigorous action to compel them to succumb, and expresses earnest hopes that every effort will be made to forward supplies early in the spring, under sufficient guards of mounted men.

NEW ORLEANS, March 23

Late advices from Texas report that there is every prospect of fine crops. The San Antonio Herald reports the impression by Mexican forces of several citizens of Webb county. Their release had been demanded by Capt. Brackett, U. S. A. A meeting of the citizens had been held to protest against this and other outrages. A schooner from Russian Islands reports the massacre of 150 inhabitants by Indians.

## Markets.

NEW ALBANY, March 23.

Mess Pork—Firm at \$15.50. Clear sides in demand at \$14.9c, from country. Ham and shoulders dull. Lard, \$13.9c for bbl and keg. Flour—In light demand at \$3.75. Wheat—White 70c; red 65c. Corn 35c. Oats 25c. Hay—\$12 for loose and \$13 for baled. Dried apples \$1.10 a 25; peaches \$2.75. Prathers 35c. Rags 2 1/2c. Sugar, N. O. fair 7c and prime 7 1/2c by the bbl and 4c advance by the bbl. Plantation molasses 33c in lots. Rio coffee 12 1/2c. Java 17 1/2c. Rice 5 1/2c.

CINCINNATI, March 23.

Flour dull and unchanged. Whisky unchanged at 17 1/2c. Nothing doing in provisions, but the market is firm. Holders generally refusing to sell except at the full rates asked.

**ANOTHER HOTEL TRAGEDY.**—The Plymouth (Ill.) Hotel was destroyed by fire a few days since, the circumstances of which are shocking enough. The owner, Mr. Wilson, was in bed when the fire broke out—his wife, two children and a water lying on the floor, on mattresses. In the night the mattresses caught fire by some means, and Mrs. Wilson awaking, found her own and her sister's night dresses were in flames. Mrs. Wilson caught up her babe and made good her escape, while her sister rescued the eldest child. After they had escaped, they in their fright had forgotten or supposed Mr. W. had got out uninjured, but such in a very few moments proved not to have been the case. The flames in their room now spread so rapidly that it was impossible to obtain ingress to that part of the building. After the whole building was destroyed nothing left but the ashes and burning embers, the citizens commenced to search for the body. They found it in the morning with the head burnt entirely from his shoulders, his arms at the elbows, and his legs at the ankle joints. The body presented a most horrible appearance. It appears that wherever the clothing covered the body it was preserved from the flames. It is generally supposed that Mr. W. suffocated from the smoke before the flames reached him.

Minister Wright celebrated the 22d of February, in Berlin, by a fine supper, to which all the Americans in the city were invited.

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